

Appl. No.: 10/057,636
Reply to Office Action of: 5/18/04

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-16 remain in this application. Claim 13 has been amended. Claims 1-6 and 17-23 have been canceled as a result of an earlier restriction requirement. In view of the examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claims 1-6 and claims 17-23 in a divisional application.

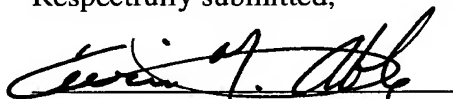
Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of claims 7-12 and 14-16.

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes pending claim 13 of the above-captioned application is in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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